

Menno Bulletin Weekly

Bulletin Announcements for July 20, 2014

2014 Church Motto: "The Lord your God is with you, he is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing." Zeph. 3:17

Witmer Heights Church Life Activities Calendar

Aug. 20 – Elder Team – 7:00 pm.

Aug. 23 – Ball Field Bash (formerly Block Party) at Witmer Heights. 4:00 – 7:00 pm.

Sept. 10 – Worship Team – 7:00 pm.

Sept. 26, 27, 28 – Annual Church Retreat at Penn Valley Retreat Center.

Oct. 20 – MCC workday at the Resource Center – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.

Sunday, July 20

Message Michael Howes
Greeters Jim and Phyllis Oswald

Sunday, July 27

Michael Howes
Becky Nolt and Karen Diffenbach

~**Thank you for all who made it a priority** to be at church this past Sunday. It was an encouraging sign of the life of the congregation to see so many at church to hear and meet Randy Keener. Affirmation ballots will be in the mailboxes of all members. They can be returned to Neil Reinford or placed in his mailbox by July 27.

This coming Sunday we will not be having Sunday school. Donna will have some activities organized for the children beginning at 9:45 and the rest of us can gather in the deaf S.S. classroom. We will spend whatever time is necessary in conversation about the pastoral transition to come and any questions regarding that. Feel free to pick up some coffee before coming to the deaf room. Eileen is on the job! ~Neil Reinford

~**Plans are coming together** for our **Ball Field Bash** (formerly referred to as "Block Party") on Sat., August 23, 4:00-7:00 p.m. Church members are needed to volunteer to assist with invitation distribution, games and activities (including face-painting, whoopie pie walk, obstacle course, beanbag toss, ladder golf, ring toss, giant tic-tac-toe, etc.) food service, set-up, clean-up, etc.

The Ball Field Bash festivities will culminate with an aerial candy drop by (our own) John J. Landis, at 6:15 p.m. Mike and Angie Conrad will DJ our musical entertainment, and hot dogs, popcorn, watermelon, and walking tacos will be served. Please reserve the date and consider now how you might participate!

~**Church Directory Update:** (Effective immediately)

Eugene / Erika Sanchez,	Isaac / Nadia	Gene's cell 321-246-6905	relic422@gmail.com
403 E. King St., Lancaster PA 17602		Erika's cell 863-399-1759	relish1378@hotmail.com

Correction: Paul and Mary Zehr's address is 1001 E. Oregon Rd. (**not** 101)

~**Continue to be in prayer** for Lester Brubaker and his family. Lester was moved to the hospice center near Mount Joy on Monday. Rose reported, "Thanks for your prayers. We're so glad Dad can communicate with us and also communicate his wishes even though it's a sad time knowing our loving, caring dad may be leaving us soon. We do not know how things will progress, but if our Dad is feeling well, he would welcome short visits. If you want an update on his condition before going to see him, call Rose 808-6655(cell) 293-0020(home) or Anne Roth 823-0276."

~**Thank you** for your generous support of the ministries of Virginia Mennonite Missions and of those that we send! My prayer for those we send and for you is that as we share the word of God we may reflect and proclaim the glory of God. Your contribution of 2,374.33 received 6/13/14 toward Nancy Marshall's is greatly appreciated. Grace and peace! - Martin Rhodes.

~Also see a **thank you note** from Nancy Marshall on the bulletin board in the east hallway.

~**There are furniture items** from Hazel Hersh in the basement for you to check out for purchase. See Deb Hoffer if you have questions or want to buy.

~**The Sunday school project for the summer quarter (June, July, August)** is for Water Street Ministries. **Water Street Mission Statement:** Our purpose is to advance the kingdom of God through the gospel of Jesus Christ and do missionary, relief, and rescue work of all kinds. **In addition to children's offerings, adults may contribute by marking your check or giving envelope "S.S. Project" and it will be applied to that project.**

~**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!! Witmer Heights is helping** with the CVCCS summer lunch program again this summer, (Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday) through August 21. Help is needed in the kitchen from 9:00-11:00 to prepare the lunches. **OR Another huge need is for persons to transport the lunches to the different locations. Pickup the lunches at LCCS (beside The Worship Center) at 11:00 am, drop them off at the designated site and return the coolers to LCCS. No need to stay with the children while they eat.** If you have questions or want to schedule a time to help, call the coordinator, Lisa Storhaug, at 606-3331.

~**It is once again the time of year to fill school kit bags.** These are MCC's most requested item. Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies and bring hope to refugee families. A special thank you to Ruth Ann Reinford for sewing all the school kit bags for us to fill. They are located on the bench behind the sanctuary. The following items go into the kit:

4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
8 unsharpened #2 pencils
1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
12 colored pencils (in packaging)
1 large pencil eraser

Please have kits returned to the church by Sept. 9. Thanks for your support of this project. Phyllis Oswald

~**Volunteers needed Sunday mornings:**

Contact Donna Reinford or sign up on the sheet in the adult Sunday school class to help with teaching the adults this summer.

Contact Lorrie Stoltzfus if you are willing to be worship leader on a given Sunday.

News from other sources and agencies:

~**Join friends of Sunday School Meditations** at our annual Chicken Bar-B-Q being held on Saturday, July 26, 2014 at Tel-Hai Camp, Honey Brook, PA. The meal will be served from 4:00 - 6:30 P.M. Following the meal, a music program will be presented featuring Spare Parts.

Come prepared to receive a blessing and to enjoy a delicious meal. See the poster on the bulletin board for ticket information. An offering will be received to benefit the radio ministry of Sunday School Meditations.

~**There are many events being promoted** by Lancaster Conference (including events sponsored by The Mennonite Historical Society) that can be seen on their website instead of taking space in Menno Bulletin. Check this link <http://www.lancasterconference.org/events/calendar.php>. weekly for any new events or updates.

Updated: July 16.



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**

**RESPONDING
REBUILDING
RESTORING**

This is the MDS Update for July 17, 2014

CURRENT NEEDS

High River, AB

Construction foreman (Jul. 29 - Aug. 9)

Staten Island, NY

Project director (Aug. 4 - 30)

Jamestown, CO

Project director (Sept. 1 - 30)

Office manager (Aug. 25 – Sept. 26)

Crew leaders (Aug. 25 – Sept. 26)

Short-term volunteer groups

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities, call (717) 735-3536 or e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. For US volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (717) 735-3536 or email ahurst@mds.mennonite.net. For Canadian volunteers who wish to serve long-term (one month or longer), call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Staff Accountant

MDS is seeking a part-time Staff Accountant (30 hours) in the Lititz, PA, office. Primary responsibilities include: month end closing and preparation of monthly financial statements, working with volunteer bookkeepers, reconciliations, general ledger, fixed assets and assistance with preparation and analysis of budgets. Working in an Excel and Quickbooks environment.

Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position.

See full job descriptions on the MDS website, mds.mennonite.net/about-us/employment.

Resumes may be sent to jobs@mds.mennonite.net or MDS, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543, attn: Human Resources. Recruitment continues until the position is filled.

Flood Response in Saskatchewan

MDS coordinated 102 volunteers working in Gainsborough, SK, and cleaned up 24 homes that had been flooded. Floodwaters that are moving through Saskatchewan and Manitoba are flooding at the levels of the 2011 flood, which was deemed a once in 300 year flood.

ALAKANUK, ALASKA - Disaster: 2013 Flood

MDS volunteers are repairing homes in Alakanuk that were damaged by the Yukon River flood in 2013. The village of Alakanuk is about 500 miles northwest of Anchorage at the mouth of the Yukon, 15 miles from the Bering Sea. On July 2 we started working on Mr. Harry's house. The trusses are in place and the work is progressing very quickly.

Click here to see photos of the [Alakanuk project on Facebook](#).

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A group of seven volunteers worked this week repairing homes in Circle that were damaged in the 2013 Yukon River flood. The work is progressing very quickly.

Click here to see photos of the [Circle project on Facebook](#).

CRISFIELD, MARYLAND - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy

This week the volunteers were from Our Saviors Way Lutheran Church in Ashburn, VA. The high point of the week was passing the air test on Ms. Annie's house. The group worked on cleaning and putting the finishing touches on her house making it possible for her to move in this weekend. Ms. Maxie and Mr. Mike's house also had an energetic group working on it. The drywall was completed, doors painted and hung, kitchen cupboards installed, and the bathrooms received their vinyl floor coverings.

HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA - Disaster: 2013 Flood

Last was a special week for the High River crew as we celebrated the home dedication for Mrs. Elaine on Wednesday. About 25 people gathered into Mrs. Elaine's newly finished basement to celebrate the work that had been done and to help bring closure to the disaster that had occurred.

Mrs. Elaine opened the ceremony by thanking everyone for coming and telling her story about experiencing the flood. She spoke very freely and graciously of MDS and the over 60 volunteers that had come through her doors. The crowd then proceeded to sing "The Servant Song". After the last verse was sung, the Bible, The Hammer Rings Hope book, and a prayer shawl were presented to Mrs. Elaine to commemorate the effort that has gone into rebuilding her basement.

JAMESTOWN, COLORADO - Disaster: 2013 Flood

Our youth group this week was from Mt. Lake, MN. They did a great job drywalling, painting and moving a lot of rocks and earth. On Thursday we had Mrs. Wendy and Mr. Tim as our guest speakers. They shared the story about their own experience during the flood and also some stories of what others in town experienced. It was a nice evening, especially for the youth. They were told multiple times how much their work was appreciated by the community and the homeowners, even if they "only" moved rocks and earth.

STATEN ISLAND, NEW YORK - Disaster: 2012 Hurricane Sandy.

In addition to our regular work last week, on Friday we were joined by seven men from PA who came to re-roof Ms. Ramazan's house. It was a real treat to see this job done safely by 7:00pm. After that we had a late supper and cleaned up the vehicles. This was not a typical Friday and would not have been possible without the cooperation of everyone.

Contributions may be sent to:

USA: 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543 or
Can.: 6A-1325 Markham Rd, Winnipeg, MB R3T 4J6
Tel: USA (800) 241-8111 Can. (866) 261-1274

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